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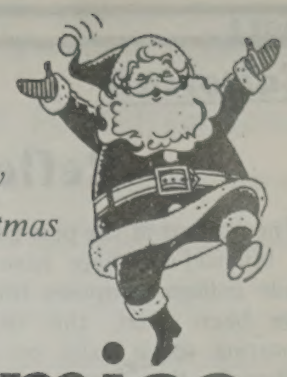


Merry Christmas

Campus Split

Boutin Rejects Code Compromise, Urges Return To "Honor Houses"

College President Bernard Boutin rejected a three-point proposal presented by Student Association President Paul Fitzgerald Wednesday that could have led to a Code of Conduct Committee meeting. "I can't see any reason for it," was the way Fitzgerald paraphrased Boutin's reply.

The proposals, approved by the Student Senate Tuesday night, requested that a Code meeting be called under the conditions that the meeting be open to faculty, administration, and Senate members, that there be a rotating chairman of the committee, and that three student proctors be added to the committee.

In rejecting the compromise, Boutin suggested that all Houses return to the old Honor House System. When asked if special privileges would be awarded these Houses concerning parietal hours and the House Court System, Boutin replied, "absolutely not," according to Fitzgerald's resume of the conference.

The rejection was the climax to a confrontation that had festered for over a week. It began with the Senate deciding to override President Boutin's veto to hold a Conduct meeting, and to implement its own Code.

The 2½-hour meeting Wednesday afternoon also saw Boutin suggest that the Senate discuss the proposals with the Board of Trustees, who ultimately would have to decide on the issue. However, he stated that it required a unanimous vote before such a discussion could ensue. He furthermore indicated that he would vote against a discussion.

Wednesday night the Senate rejected Mr. Boutin's offer to hold a meeting and a committee was assembled to continue discussions with the administration in an attempt to break the deadlock. The committee would consist of Paul Fitzgerald, John Angus, Bill Driscoll, Mark Hawley, John Daignault and John Keyes, and would meet later this week.

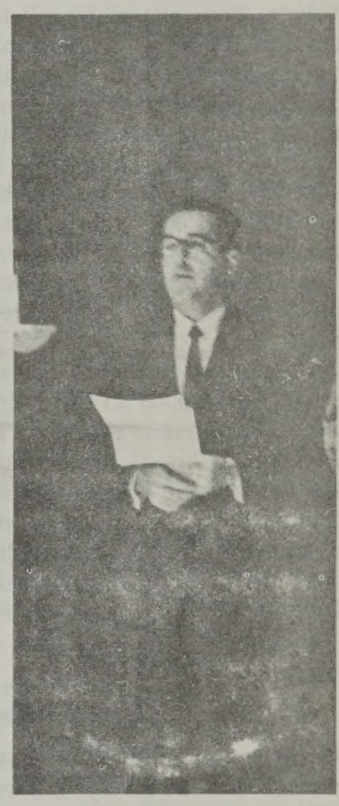
Throughout the entire affair President Boutin has held the revised Code to be of "no merit." However, he was receptive to the Senate's empowering of a committee to further the discussions.

History Reviewed

The entire incident began when President Boutin issued a memorandum to Senate leaders saying he opposed the idea of calling the Code of Conduct Committee. He also stated that he found the Senate's revisions to be of "no merit."

In an unprecedented move, the Senate acted to implement the revisions on its own accord.

Boutin reacted to the Senate's initiative by declaring that the Senate's actions "have absolutely no standing."



President Bernard L. Boutin

The Senate reconvened the following evening after Boutin had reassessed his position and consented to a Code meeting. The Senate, however, declined to retract its own actions, and thereby refused to attend a Code meeting.

The Senate then took further initiative and acquired the services of an attorney to research legal grounds to change the Code.

Boutin reacted and unconditionally denied the Senate a Code meeting. By this time he had sent a letter to the parents saying, "They (students) have never run this campus and they are never going to as long as I am here. Those who underachieve are subject to dismissal, and those who cannot study here under terms and conditions of the college are, of course, free to leave at any time."

The Senate proceeded to mimeograph a letter of their own which basically implied that none of the students' requests were radical.

Future Plans

This week, Student Association President Paul Fitzgerald will address the trustees, but no one in the Senate was very optimistic about the outcome of that meeting.

Other than that, the only method the Senate has retained as a means of negotiation is the commission it set up Wednesday night.

SA Pres. Paul Fitzgerald

Police Not Contacted

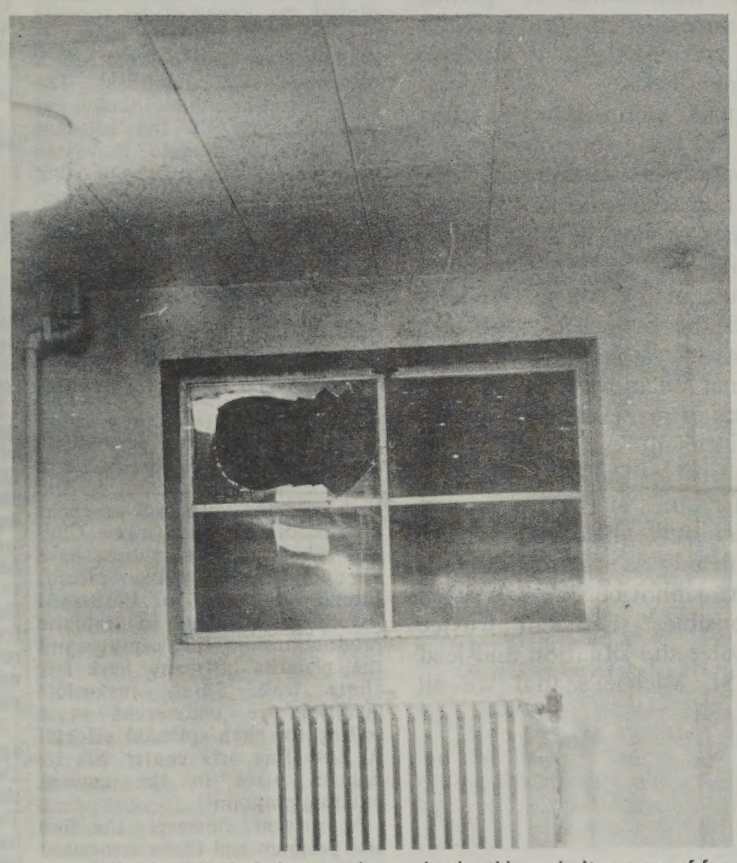
Campus Tense After Possible Quadrangle Shooting Spree

Slingshot Found To Be Weapon

Two students involved in what was originally thought to be a shooting incident have turned themselves in. The students, who have both been punished by Dean of Men Donald R. Sutton for their actions, apparently fired four marbles with a slingshot from Alumni Hall to Ryan Hall. All marbles fired broke Ryan Hall windows. Although a room to room search for weapons in Alumni Hall followed, the police were not contacted.

The four shots, which were thought to be gunfire, caused a tense feeling in the campus quadrangle. Rev. Moses B. Anderson SSE, Dean of Student Affairs, initiated the search of Alumni Hall for the alleged weapon. Eventually participating in the search were President Bernard L. Boutin and a campus security officer. The search party, which included a large number of students as well, turned up more than two dozen rifles, most according to reports, being stored illegally.

Initial belief that a "madman" was in the dorm caused some panic among the student body. Four separate rooms were hit on all four floors of Ryan Hall. It was also noted by an observer that the rooms hit all had lights turned on and had occupants in them at the time of the "shooting." At least one room, not only had a broken window, but a hole in the room wall.



This particular Ryan Hall window was damaged twice this week. It was one of four windows hit with the slingshot and one of 19 broken during a snowball battle. Both acts were committed by residents of Alumni Hall.

It was later pointed out by Sutton that it was an unnecessary prank that led to a dangerous situation. He emphasized the potential danger of the "harmful" weapon and gave his assurance that the two students had been dealt with appropriately.

Sutton explained that the police were not immediately notified despite the "potentially dangerous situation." Although Sutton was not on campus, he felt that it may have been over-reacting to call the police immediately. It has been verified that the police were not contacted at all.

Winter Weekend Prospects Dim

by Edmund Furtek

Prospects for a winter weekend at St. Michael's College are quite dim at this time.

The main reason is the closing of the doors of UVM's Patrick Gymnasium to St. Mike's. This action was taken following last Saturday's hockey game. Reportedly, SMC students tore down a fence behind the penalty box during the game and did extensive damage to the men's room after the game. Cost of repairs has been estimated at five hundred dollars.

As a result, the University of Vermont will no longer host St. Michael's activities. Because of this, the club hockey team may no longer be able to play home games.

The news came as a bitter blow to committee heads William Driscoll and Corey Fogg, as well as Dean of Men Mr. Donald Sutton, all of whom have worked hard to secure Patrick Gym for winter weekend. The committee had planned to have Joe Cocker, but this is now impossible, since a hall with a seating capacity of five thousand is needed in order to break even. There is no such hall in this area besides Patrick Gym. "Because of the action of a few individuals, plans for the best weekend ever have gone down the drain," said financial chairman William Driscoll. Driscoll cited Dean Sutton for his role in trying to get the gym, saying, "Dean Sutton was very upset about the whole situation. He had worked very hard in trying to acquire the gym and was looking forward to our concert."

He emphasized, however, that all hope is not yet lost. In an attempt to salvage the weekend, the committee is now trying to get Delaney and Bonnie and Friends. The show, if held, would take place at Memorial Auditorium (cap. 3000) at a date to be determined.

Enright Opens Art Gallery

J. Jerry Enright, instructor in Philosophy at St. Michael's College, has opened an art gallery at 94 Church Street in Burlington.

The gallery is a joint venture with Mr. Ali of the ROTC Department. At the present time, they are displaying works by Mr. Enright and his wife, Beverly, along with works by Mrs. Ali and sculptor Bill Thompson, the computer expert at SMC.

Editorials

Reflections for the Trustees

The actions of the past two weeks here at St. Michael's College have been alarming. While college campuses for the most part, have been quiet, this college has been capturing space daily on the newswires. Although the press has simplified the situation (hard-line President vs. students wanting more freedom), the happenings are not all clear in the minds of those in the college community.

The issues at stake seem to range from parietals to the President's lack of cooperation. To get an understanding of the issues involved, we must recognize much discontent that is prevailing on this campus, with the President, the present administration, and the college in general. The source of this dissatisfaction varies widely from student to student and faculty member to faculty member. We have seen similar attitudes before, but why did the student body by such a wide margin decide to live under their own regulations in the future?

To answer this, we must first look at the makeup of the Code Committee. The President, who refused to call together the Code Committee as its chairman, showed his prejudice when he called the Senate's proposed provisions "of little or no merit." Many student leaders have expressed their sentiment that the committee is not only "stacked" against the student body, but it is as well "stacked" against free expression. In regard to this, it is pointed out that five of the other eight members of the committee are paid employees of the college.

Second, the student newspaper has offered **equal** space to any administrative dissent over opinions expressed by students in editorials, columns, and letters. Since the President has not once responded to our editorial pleas to keep the students up to date with any policies he might have, we can only assume: (1) The President has no policies, or (2) he does not wish to place his opinion in equal to that of student opinion.

Third, we firmly believe in executive authority, but we have not been able to find any proper definition of the authority of our College President. We recognize the past success of our President as an administrator, but we sincerely question the credentials of a "businessman-politician" when he takes a dominant role in determining student life or the educational directions of the college. If we had an educator as College President, we would be able to allow the latter and possibly the former.

Fourth, while the President is busy implying to all concerned that the students wish to "control the college," responsible students have answered that we only wish to "control our own lives." Many of the problems that presently exist on this campus could be solved if the administration would ignore student life. One possible way of accomplishing this is by selling the dormitories to private enterprise to convert them into liveable apartments that are rented out to students on a landlord-tenant basis.

Fifth, faculty and administrative freedom of expression is understandably being expressed in some areas because of their fear of "getting the axe." Whether "regression" exists or not, it is certainly a possibility within the present nebulous authority structure of the college. We have previously urged the college to look into the philosophy of "shared authority" (currently in use at Villanova University) as a suitable measure of protection against the threat of a "dictatorship."

We call on the trustees today to look into the complex difficulties at the college and render a decision only after an extensive inquiry is completed. A majority student action of this sort cannot be simply written off as "irresponsible." Efficient trustee action could resolve the situation and lead to the better St. Michael's that we all espouse.

Experts Needed

We take note of the fact that the police were not called in by either President Boutin or Dean Anderson at the apparent "shooting" in the quad last week. Boutin and Anderson, who were almost immediately at the scene, did not call local police experts although both stated the belief that the holes were caused by gunfire.

Anderson expressed the thought that it was not wise at the time of the "shootings" to call in the police.

He felt the school itself could adequately investigate the events surrounding the shooting, without the aid of police.

We feel that this thought is both wrong and dangerous.

Dangerous because, had the holes been caused by gunfire the potential assassin could have at any time made sporadic shots at the untrained people searching for him.

Wrong because the school has neither the equipment nor the staff to make accurate ballistic examinations of all the guns seized in the search.

Perhaps the blatant hesitance to contact police was an indication of administrative "concern" for the school's public image.

We do not subscribe to this type of procedure and urge more protective measures in the future.

Ghaffari – Curriculum

We are very disappointed with many student and faculty opinions regarding the curriculum at Saint Michael's College. Apparently, it is not difficult to lose sight of one's very purpose when one becomes insistent upon change.

One particular report comes to mind. In a brief on student opinion concerning the curriculum Professor Reza Ghaffari has displayed a wholesale lack of knowledge and understanding of the liberal arts college purpose.

Not only are many of the questions themselves "double-barreled" and misleading, but we are shocked by the remarks with which Ghaffari prefaces his report. He states that students no longer come to college "to learn the truth and appreciate the beauty," but rather they expect the college to be specialized.

We find this thesis to be insulting and diametrically opposed to what Saint Michael's College SHOULD adopt as its philosophical foundation.

May we leave with Professor Ghaffari and those who would follow his lead the words of the famous academic leader, John Henry Cardinal Newman:

"This process of training, by which the intellect, instead of being formed or sacrificed to some particular or accidental purpose, some specific trade or profession, or study or sciences, is disciplined for its own sake, for the perception of its own proper object, and for its own highest culture, is called Liberal Education . . ."

Need we say more?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Building Plans

To the Editor:

On November 20th, members of the Saint Michael's College community found in their mailboxes a General Distribution Memorandum from Mr. Boutin discussing the College's building plans. I was distressed to note that the promise of a new fine arts center was softpedaled and seemingly destined for oblivion.

Apparently the administration believes that the old theater at Fort Ethan Allen will suffice as a permanent home for the drama program. (Mr. Boutin went so far as to state, "we do have now available to us a facility that would be the envy of most colleges and universities." I ask Mr. Boutin: Is it the envy of small Vermont colleges like Johnson, Castleton, and Middlebury?) Such a conclusion is rather incredible and reveals a discouraging lack of understanding of the needs of the drama program. The old theater in question is inadequate for showing Mickey Mouse cartoons at a kiddie matinee and certainly cannot be expected to support live productions, what with its shallow stage and complete lack of backstage facilities! The administration has hinted at moving some of the adjacent buildings to provide backstage facilities, but this smacks of other conveniently forgotten promises. In short, a stopgap emergency facility will quite probably be foisted on us permanently.

Some question the relative merit of the fine arts programs and rightly so – the resources of the College are limited and must be directed toward the most worthwhile ends. I submit, however, that a quality program in fine arts is essential to a liberal arts college such as ours purports to be and would remind readers that over the years the excellent productions of the Drama Club and the Summer Playhouse have earned an enviable record. Literally hundreds of thousands have been attracted to dramatic productions on this campus and the plaudits of many have left their trail. Surely makeshift facilities are undeserved as a setting for such splendid efforts! A new fine arts center has its rightful place in the current building program!!

At present, however, the fine arts program and those associated with it are receiving indifferent treatment from certain officials in the administration. Perhaps these zealous elements in the collegiate bureaucracy will yet cause a dramatic sensation, albeit by transforming an entire campus into the backdrop for a production of theater of the absurd!

I strongly urge that all members of the Saint Michael's College community express their desire for a new fine arts center. A college which idly stands by while its fine arts department is permanently banished to an old cavalry barracks just isn't much of a college . . .

Sean Moran, '73

Monsanto

To the Editor:

Our campus sits along the northwest edge of Escambia Bay, which empties into the Gulf of Mexico at Pensacola, Florida. So far this year, Escambia Bay has suffered over 60 major fish kills, each one of close to or more than a million fish – food fish, sport fish, 'commercial fish,' you name it.

These kills have been traced to industries and municipalities just north of and on the bay, which have been using the Escambia River and the bay for a dump. One such industry is Monsanto Co., which, as of January, 1970, was dumping into the river, and the bay, the following wastes:

10,000 lbs/day biological oxygen demand
3,900 lbs/day total organic carbon
1,875 lbs/day TKN
1,331 lbs/day nitrite nitrogen
1,104 lbs/day ammonia nitrogen & nitrite
421 lbs/day total phosphate
264 lbs/day ortho phosphate

One of Monsanto's most advertized and ecologically deleterious products is Astro Turf, an artificial grass; some of its other products are Arochlor (1250) compounds and herbicides. Because our public officials have been tragically slow to respond, and because citizen initiated 'pollution control' legislation is being successively weakened and stifled, and will have only moderate 'success' if ever passed, we have concluded that only economic sanctions can force the industries involved to re-cycle their wastes and quit using the Escambia River – the public domain – for a dump.

We intend to take sanctions against all industries, of which there are six locally, dumping into the Escambia River and the bay. To establish our effectiveness, we have decided to begin by calling for a boycott of Astro Turf, the Monsanto product that depends most heavily on the college market. We desperately need your support. There is nothing less at stake than the bay itself – the bay which is an integral part of our biosphere, is essential to a

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The Senate
Brilliance, Blunders and Baloney

By Lawrence Young

As the Student Senate began its crusade to liberalize the living regulations at the University of Ludicrous Statements and Memorandum war, few of that esteemed body seemed ready to compromise their collective goals. Even the silent, timid Miss Ennis voiced her approval of a course of action that only Bill Driscoll, of course, voiced opposition to.

That was the mood that predominated the Senate until Wednesday Night when a battle weary Senate consented to let itself fall flat on its face.

It all began at a meeting that afternoon when Boutin met with Paul Fitzgerald, John Keyes and John Daignault. Mr. Boutin, a polished, convincing speaker in his own right embarked on a rather congenial dialogue, very impressive, as was reported, that denied the commission every objective it initially sought and yet gave every impression of a compromise.

Fitzgerald came to the Senate meeting that night and called for the adoption of a Daignault motion that would reject Boutin's proposal of a Code meeting and call for a committee to negotiate code revisions with Boutin.

The point is that the Senate came down from a hardline of non-negotiable demands, to a hope for negotiation, to outright negotiation. All this without President Boutin ever making a move.

It is not difficult to foresee from this trend that the students are in line to lose everything.

As further proof of what's happening, let me offer this as evidence:

Boutin: Do you think the Administration treats the students unfairly?

Keyes: Yes!

Daignault: How would you like it if someone tried to control your personal life?

Boutin: I'm married!!!

Following the meeting of Wednesday night, Fitzgerald called Boutin and said "I think I've got some good news for you."

As a result of this type of logic, Daignault may resign from the Senate if they are too easily handled by Boutin. As Kirk Spafford said, "You're going to take a hard line, you hold it! Otherwise, you've done nothing!"

There were so many brilliant notions at the beginning. For instance, there was the initial thought that a commission should be empowered to investigate Boutin's competence as administrator. (Everyone has a tendency to rise to his level of incompetence — **The Peter Principle**).

So, what is there left, students, for sure you've been undone, and there seems to be little chance you'll see the Senate succeed.

Merry Christmas . . .

Yearbook Review

by Kirk Spofford

The traditional yearbook was not to be had at Saint Michael's College this year. If your conception of a yearbook is one which can be proudly presented to Mom and Dad, this was not the one for you. On the other hand, if a yearbook to you is something that makes vivid recollection of what college life was like when you were there, this may be just what you ordered.

It is, of course, probably difficult to show others your yearbook when it contains pictures of marijuana plants (how did that get by the censors?) and dope smoking parties.

There are some temporal problems with the basketball and Senate photographs but that may be poetically justifiable. Also the apparent unused space would seem to indicate one of two things; either the layout was hasty or nothing else happened last year. The decision is yours. The soft white cover is a gesture of humility, possibly significant of the transitory nature of education.

For those who favor the traditional yearbook, which can be pulled from the closet to remember all those great teams and wonderful times, reach for another one.

For those who want to remember how it was, here it is!

Second Semester Registration

All students will register on January 25 for the second semester at assigned hour.

Registration will take place in Alliot Hall at hours on posted list. Please be sure to check and note your assigned time before leaving for vacation.

Failure to register at this time will result in $10 fee for late registration and no admittance to classes will be permitted until registration is completed.

Bills for second semester are payable on or before January 15. Students will receive a card from the Treasurer in the mail when his account is cleared. This will eliminate lines on registration day.

Any student who does not intend to register for the second semester should complete a Withdrawal Form at the Student Information Center.

Any questions regarding this procedure will be gladly answered at the Student Information Center, J 27A.

Freshmen	9:00 – 10:15
Sophomores	10:15 – 11:30
Juniors	1:00 – 2:00
Seniors	2:00 – 3:00

"Klein" Center

St. Michael's College dedicated its "new" Student Center at noon Sunday (Nov. 22, 1970). The building was named in honor of Lt. (j.g.) Henry I. Klein, Jr., U.S.N., of Delmar, New York, a 1961 graduate of the college and first alumnus of the college to die in Vietnam. The Klein Student Center is a newly renovated two-level structure adjacent to Jemery Hall on Route 15.

The Center, renovated with $38,000 of college funds, is 132 feet long and 46 feet wide. The upper level contains an entry foyer, a large lounge with fireplace, Student Senate meeting room, darkroom, offices for the student newspaper and yearbook, Black Student Union, Knights of Columbus, Crown and Sword coffee house, recreational and lounge area.

The building was used as a library until May 1968 when the Durick Library opened.

Robert Pack : Poet fom Middlebury

By William Madison

December 3, 1970 was a very large day for St. Michael's College. For the politicians, there were those cameras, microphones, and hungry reporters who were disappointed that they could not induce the student leaders to use the word "strike!". For the sports enthusiasts, there was the opening basketball game at Holy Cross. Finally, for the devotees of the spoken word, there was Robert Pack, the poet. You will read about campus politics in the editorial column, and you will read about basketball on the last page, at the sign of the shamrock. Here you will read about Robert Pack, the poet from Middlebury.

Most poetry today is experienced by way of the printed word, and the result is often simply a modified version of what the poet intended. The English Department came up with a refreshing alternative. They started a series in which authors came to the school and read their own works. Mr. Pack was the highlight of the readings. He exercised a power over the audience that dictators would be jealous of, for he drew us into his mind and persuaded us (he was a benevolent dictator) not only to see the world through his eyes, but also through the "eyes" of rocks and wounds. Quite a trick, you say? Imagination is the answer. An imagination that lifts a line from **The New York Times** and derives the inspiration for a poem; that turns the eating of a candy bar into the flushing of a cornucopia. The experience was similar to that of visiting a foreign country. It was as if you were seeing the world for the first time.

His poise made us comfortable. His hands did not fumble for pockets, but seemed at home in the air around his head as he shaped his words. Somewhere between the second and third poem he made us laugh, and he enjoyed our laughter. Suddenly we were no longer the hosts, and he no longer the visitor. Let us have more Robert Packs!

Administration Challenged

by Dennis G. Marquise

Before pressure was placed on President Bernard L. Boutin concerning the Code of Conduct, he commented that his reason for refusing to convene the Code of Conduct Committee was that the proposed changes had "little or no merit." The President, who is also chairman of the Code of Conduct Committee, has publicly espoused a sense of cooperation between students and administration on many occasions. He has always stated a willingness to discuss anything (except parietal extensions).

The following proposals were included in the Senate-proposed revisions. Just take a few moments to look them over.

1. Replacement fee for ID cards reduced from $5 to $1. The cost to the College is far less than a dollar.

2. "Attire" section should be omitted. No one enforces any dress standards. The Senate feels that "proper attire" should be left up to student responsibility.

3. Omit reference to academic standing for automobile privileges. There has not been shown to be any correlation between automobile ownership and academic standing.

4. A speeding violation should be added and a fine imposed. Since there was no provision for speeding, the Senate felt that a fine was warranted.

5. The fee for motor bikes would be less than that for automobiles. Also they could in the future be stored in dorms with appropriate space. Motorbike usage in Vermont is such a parttime affair that this would not be troublesome for anyone.

6. Studets over the legal age can drink alcoholic beverages in the dormitories as well as in other areas designated by the Dean of Men. In practice, this is the way it is.

7. Allow students to cook in dorms, e.g. on hotplates. Many students already have cooking apparatus. Excuses of sanitation, health, and fire safety do not seem valid in this instance.

8. Parietal hours should be established by the individual house councils. The only difference between this policy and the present one is that students should assume leadership and responsibility in parietal regulations.

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NOTEBOOK I

by Kevin T. Althouse

"When one has done everything necessary to understand, and accept, and endure shortcomings, there is still a step to be taken."
—Albert Camus

BERNARD L. BOUTIN: A Man, an Image, and a Symbol

What is the reason that some men of history fall off into oblivion, a subject of human misunderstanding? Who should the blame fall upon for this misrepresentation of a man: the historian or the very man himself?

Saint Michael's College President Bernard L. Boutin, I believe, is the misunderstood man on this campus. It is not so very hard to read an issue of the campus newspaper or overhear students as well as faculty members voice their disdain for President Boutin, accusing him of one overgeneralized "misdeed" after another.

Some criticize him for not being an academician. Yet they who levy this attack fail to realize that Boutin graduated from SMC a valedictorian of his class who majored in Philosophy. Some accuse him of being a "hard nosed politician" who will rarely yield to student demands, yet those who make such accusations apparently fail to realize that never before in the history of this college have students had as much representation on Administrative Committees as they presently do: as this is largely the work of Mr. Boutin. I can readily recall that just a few weeks after Mr. Boutin was elected President by the Board of Trustees, he requested a meeting of the Class Presidents (of which I was one), the S.A. President, Dr. Williams, Dr. Wehmeyer and Father Anderson on the selection of a new Academic Dean. Generally, the student representatives favored the nomination of Dr. Edward Pfeifer.

Dr. Pfeifer was selected.

So much has happened, on the positive side, since Bernard Boutin assumed office. I seriously doubt that without a man such as Boutin, Saint Michael's College would set an $8.5 million development goal. Just this past week, Mr. Boutin traveled through a rather treacherous storm to attend a forum in Boston. He went there as Bernard Boutin, President of Saint Michael's College, not just Bernard Boutin. And less than 72 hours later, Mr. Boutin was on his way to Detroit: again, to serve as a representative for St. Michael's College. His very presence at such meetings enhances the prestige of this college, for those attending notice that Saint Michael's is represented by its Pre?sident. This greatly helps our chances for meeting that $8.5 million goal. For those who consider themselves "Boutinian" critics, I would suggest that they take a closer look at the man, speak to those who know and work with the man. I feel that as a result their opinion of Mr. Boutin would change from that of a critic to an admirer.

Of recent date, much has been said and much has been written relative to the Code of Conduct. Students as well as some faculty members seem to feel that President Boutin alone was responsible for not reconvening the Code of Conduct Committee in order to review the revisions proposed by the Student Senate. This is just not so. President Boutin made it very clear that if a majority of the committee felt it worthwhile to convene a meeting, he would do so. And as far as it is evident to me, not one of the members of the committee, excluding the student members, have felt a necessity to call such a meeting. One must also remember that such revisions, if affirmed by the Code Committee, would then have to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their approval. While I basically agree with the Senate's revisions and do hope that a reconvening of the Code Committee will soon be actuated, I feel that the students as well as the Student Senate are pointing their fingers at the wrong man.

Another point in fact: the Fine Arts people are dismayed at the possibility of the cancelling of plans for a newly constructed Fine Arts building. Again the finger is pointed at Mr. Boutin. But I think one should realize that the proposal to renovate the buildings at the Fort for Fine Arts use was not made by Mr. Boutin. This was presented for consideration by the two architectural companies involved. It also should be reiterated that a definite decision regarding this has not been made and will not be made until February 1, 1971, when the architects give their evaluation. Also quoting from Boutin's General Distribution Memorandum of November 20, 1970, Boutin wrote: "Originally it was thought that these needs could best be met through the construction of a new fine arts center, and this may still be the best answer."

Finally, so many students look upon President Boutin as a "politician." I honestly don't know in which context they mean this, for there are so many seemingly self-righteous student "politicians" pervading this campus. Truly, Mr. Boutin has a deep interest in politics, for few men apathetic towards politics would run for Governor of a state or take an administrative position in Washington. Many of us admired certain "politicians" by the names of John and Robert Kennedy, yet, I wonder how many would honestly attack the human value of such men. Regardless of previous positions held, I firmly believe that we should not look at our President as a politician, but as the President of our college. For I honestly believe that even those who criticize this college and its President so vehemently all seek a better St. Michael's. I think those who criticize and still seek betterment at this college should realize that this same goal of betterment is shared by Bernard L. Boutin.

I believe that this being accomplished, the goals of the future of this college will soon become the realities of today.

And More Letters...

Monsanto

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—We ask that you compel your friends and local industries **not to** buy Astro Turf and other Monsanto products;

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We need your active response to this appeal, even if you have no need at your institution for Astro Turf. Your support is urgently requested. Please send us notification of your administration's promise not to purchase Astro Turf as soon as it can be obtained.

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"Dominus Vobiscum..."

To the Editor:

In this day and age of "relevancy" and "communication" a group of students had the absolute audacity to request that a high mass be celebrated in **Latin.** Besides the members of the S.S.E., how many people on the campus can understand this dead language? How is a Latin mass relevant to the English-speaking society of St. Michael's? Nevertheless, permission has been granted to these students and all the arrangements have been made for this celebration to take place tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. They argue that the Latin mass has not been outlawed, and that there are people in the community who actually ". . . appreciate the beautiful music and ritual of the Latin rite and find in this a meaningful and relevant way to worship God."

They further argue that a number of people in the local community, who have been brought up with the Latin liturgy, would appreciate a Latin mass.

Who do these people think they are, speaking up for those who haven't expressed themselves one way or the other? Can it be possible that anyone's 3:00 a.m. solutions for a better immediate environment can be implemented without being strangled in bureaucratic red tape?

Rumor has it that a group of 50-odd teachers, administrators and students are devising ways of bringing the academic communities together on social and intellectual levels. Can this really be done?! The Michaelman image must be maintained! It took us years to establish and refine the image of high esteem in which the eyes of the community hold us. We must not now allow this image to be reversed. Anyone interested in locating where these subversive revolutionary elements lie, get in contact with us and we'll do something about it. We have a plan!

Greg McCarthy
Dick Stinchfield

Curriculum

To the Editor:

I find myself totally disgusted with the manner in which the faculty has attempted to deal with the curriculum revision proposals. If the original proposals, all of which deserved careful and serious consideration, were treated haphazardly and superficially, the discussion of the final proposal was farsical.

The faculty meetings, besides having been poorly attended, have been generally non-productive. There has been no intelligent, systematic approach to the discussions and no attempt to point out areas of agreement which might serve as a basis for consensus.

Rather, much of the discussion has centered around self-interests and unnecessary semantic difficulties and has often exceeded the limits of rationality. An eagerness to point out problems has been more than apparent but this has been complimented by a willingness to work together for solutions.

Any curriculum adopted by such absurd procedure is doomed to failure but one adopted as a result of serious, cooperative efforts and genuine concern will be at least a workable one. A curriculum arrived at by consensus and eclectic approach will have both a basis and the means for its implementation.

There is much to be considered in revising a curriculum; there is a job to do, but it must be done right!

A theory has been proposed, perhaps by an amateur statistician, that states that by the laws of probability, ten chimpanzees placed in a room with ten typewriters (and plenty of bananas), and given an infinite amount of time, will write the entire Bible. In all probability, they will also come up with a curriculum.

Unfortunately, we have neither the time nor the chimpanzees to do the job.

Sincerely,
F. DeFrancesco

Yearbook

To the Editor:

I have recently finished going through a comic book entitled "The Shield." Never in my life have I seen such a waste of money. From what I've been told, a sum of fifteen dollars has been allotted for this magazine. Now I wonder what happened to the $14.95 left over.

I fail to see little, if any, relevancy to the happenings and affairs of SMC during '69-'70 in this work. There is no mention of the activities, intramurals, or amusing incidents that took place last year. But make no mistake, there is a 9x12 foldout of a wombat, plenty of photos on our boys from Founders, an overdose of the moratorium and strike, and bull on intercollegiate athletics.

I cannot wait until after I graduate and pull this piece of trash out to look at, or to show whoever. I'm also sure parents and relatives will be overjoyed to see joints being consumed, hash pipes loaded, and fields of marijuana in the sunset.

All I can say is the photo on the upper left hand corner of page 104 must have been misplaced for the cover shot.

Mike Saliba, '73

Happy Holidays

from

The Michaelman

Conflict

To the Editor:

We, the class officers of the Freshman class, feel compelled at this juncture in the conflict over the Code of Conflict to speak out against the George Wallace type antics of our President, Bernard Boutin.

In the few short weeks that have gone by in this conflict, it has become apparent that Mr. Boutin is taking it as a personal attack. This, I think, we all as a student body would disavow. For who can question the integrity and intelligence, as well as sincerity, of our President? We have always tried to remain as objective as we possibly could. Mr. Boutin, we feel, is fighting for his life line. We again cannot stress the fact enough that we are not trying to impeach him. His fears are completely unwarranted. In a time when cool heads and cool rhetoric are imperative on both sides of the problem, Mr. Boutin is over-reacting to a crisis that, so far, has not developed. However, if he continues in this same vent, we feel it will only lead to a more serious confrontation, for the changes that we seek will inevitably occur on this campus.

Thomas Tetreault
President
William Langlands
Vice President
John Rourke
Secretary-Treasurer

Intramurals

To the Editor:

The intramural program here at St. Mike's as far as I'm concerned is great. I do feel, however, that the bowling league could use some help.

In the league, if a team wins a game it receives one point. It also receives a point if it wins total pins. It's possible for a team to win four points each time it bowls. If a team fails to have at least three bowlers present to represent the house it forfeits and the other team gets four points. With the championship going to the team with the most points at the end of the season. When I asked what happens if both teams fail to show nobody knew. I feel that both teams should forfeit. In other words, neither team should get any points, instead of having a make-up. If a house can't get the bowlers to bowl when they are supposed to, they shouldn't get another chance to score. At least, that's the way any other bowling league is run.

My other complaint concerns what happens when a team has three bowlers. The fourth and absent bowler is called the blind. As it now stands, the team is given a score for his place by taking the average of the other three bowlers minus ten pins. This is ridiculous. It's like saying a basketball team can play with four players, take their average, and add it to the score to get the team score. The reason for having four kids bowl was in putting four from one house against four from another. With the blind score being arrived at the way it is now, a house is a lot better off just using their three best bowlers and taking the average minus ten. A team should be penalized in some way for not having four guys, sometimes this way it can be an advantage.

One way to fix this would be to give each blind bowler a stock score of 100 regardless of what his team's average is. Another would be to take 2/3 of the team's average each game. Still another would be to let the blind score be equal to the lowest score in the league the last time they bowled. Any one of these alternatives would make it enough incentive to the teams that were really interested to get four bowlers.

The season is still young and it's not too late to improve the situation. If anyone that can do anything about this feels the way I do I wish he would contact me. I'd be glad to help in any way.

Gred "Kaz" Kaczmarek

Poetry Contest

The **Michaelman** announces its first annual Student Poetry Contest.

The following rules are to be adhered to:

1) All students of St. Michael's College may enter.

2) The editorial board of the **Michaelman** will select 10 poems that it feels are worthy of judgement.

3) Deadline is February 1, 1971.

4) Judges will be selected privately by the Editorial Board and thus no collusion of judges will result.

5) Individual student author's names will be withheld from judges so that prejudice will not influence the decision.

6) The winner of the contest will receive $10.

Crown & Sword Entertain

One hundred and fifteen children ranging in ages from 2½ to 13 years will be Christmas partying from one to four o'clock today in Austin Hall.

They are attending an annual party which was begun four years ago by Dean Sutton and the Crown and Sword Society for selected area youths.

Each child will receive a gift from his or her host at the party. Each host sponsors one child.

Brother Damien will take an active part in the festivities, as he is the only individual the organizers could find who needed no pillows in filling in for Santa Claus.

Cake, ice cream and candy are on Saturday's menu, for the children and sponsors. Santa, we recommend, should abstain.

Naramore, Olgyay Draw Up Zilch's Law

During this past week, Professors George Olgyay of the Political Science Department and Vincent Naramore of the Mathematics Department circulated an interesting document to Saint Michael's faculty members. The paper was entitled "Concerning Zilch's Laws, Noah's Ark, The Proposed Changes In Curriculum and The Creation O The World."

With their permissions we are reprinting an Appendix of the document entitled "Zilch's Laws of Applied Non-Dynamics."

Zilch's Laws of Applied Non-Dynamics:

First Law: Committees commissioned to determine whether there is need for change invariably find in favor of change.

Corollary to First Law: (Sometimes called Zilch's Law of Infinite Regress) Committees commissioned to determine whether there is need for change in committees commissioned to determine whether there is need for change invariably find in favor of change.

Second Law: The amount of change recommended by a committee commissioned to determine whether there is need for change exactly equals the amount required to justify the existence of the committee.

Third Law: (Sometimes called the Adaptation to Change Law or the Law of the Survival of the Spacious) The organisms most likely to survive extreme environmental change are not those that actually change but those that best appear to change.

(Note: The Third Law is well exemplified in (a) the field of politics where governments change but civil servants do not and (b) the field of education where curricula change but professors do not.)

Fitzgerald Writes; Answers Boutin

The following memorandum over the Code of Conduct crisis was sent by SA President Paul Fitzgerald to parents, trustees and faculty.

Here at Saint Michael's College, we are confronted with a problem of major proportion. We do not intend to minimize the impact of our actions, but we would like to clarify several points.

First, our basic purpose is to intensify the academic atmosphere at this college. We are especially concerned since more than seven hundred of our students received academic warnings this semester. We sincerely feel that the new Code, which the Administration so vehemently rejects, would in fact serve to invigorate the academic atmosphere with a new sense of purpose.

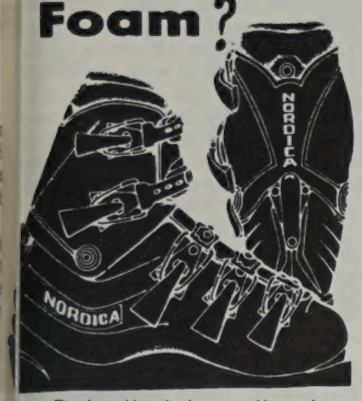
Second, we began our quest to attain a desired sense of student responsibility through the very channels President Boutin afforded us. Unfortunately he closed the door to negotiation by adamantly refusing to call together the Code of Conduct Committee. With mature communication no longer available to us, we decided to implement the new Code. This action was supported by ALL student houses on campus, with the result of nearly ninety-five per cent of the student body in accord. We based our responsible position on certain legal foundations. According to the Student Association Constitution, which has been approved by the Code Committee, the Student Senate should "direct, co-ordinate and control student life." We then realized the necessity of some legal assistance in this matter, and we sought advice from several attorneys who felt we may have legitimate grounds.

Third, President Boutin tells you that the student body is trying to run the school. Instead we only wish to control our own lives.

A decision should only be reached after listening to both sides of the story. Thank you.

Paul Fitzgerald
President, Student Association

Why Nordica Foam?



During the last year there has been a revolution in the ski boot industry — FOAM. Ten years ago the buckle boot was introduced. Five years ago the plastic boot was introduced. "It will never catch on," many critics said. Yet it has and now NORDICA has developed an ingenious boot and foam system that is unquestionably the best of the new idea. I feel that any boot is here to stay if it can provide comfort, improved performance, and put an end to bruised ankles, pinching buckle straps and cramped feet.

Custom foam fitting your boots compensates for hard-to-fit "problem feet." This means basically that instead of molding your foot to the boot, the boot is molded perfectly to your foot. This kind of fit makes the boot much more responsive and gives you more control and feel of your skis.

It has been said that the injected boot will not be perfected before next year. This is true with quite a few of the many systems on the market. Not so with NORDICA. I am very proud that the SKI SHOP was picked by BECONTA to introduce their ASTRAL foam boot to the skiing public. Because of the complicated chemistry of foams and the necessity to maintain a good and durable foam, the foams cannot be mixed and poured crudely by hand or forced into the boot with a grease gun. If there is insufficient air in the mixture, the foam will become weak and brittle. Because the quality depends on a very thorough mixing with air, BECONTA & NORDICA have developed a revolutionary precision machine which automatically meters, mixes and delivers the precise amount of foam for each size boot. With the NORDICA ASTRAL Super foam, you buy comfort, support and response.

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Survey Result Released

SMC Professor Reza Ghaffari has released the results of a survey of students on the curriculum at Saint Michael's College. The results were published by Ghaffari himself and were entitled, "A Profile of Student Opinion on Curriculum Revision at St. Michael's College."

Ghaffari presented his results with an opening letter to his fellow colleagues. The business professor noted, "the world of 30 years ago was a different world. The Universities were centers of learning the arts, humanities, history and philosophy, and in the fields related to human spirituality."

He maintained that things have changed and the trend is toward specialization rather then generalization. "Nowadays," Ghaffari stated, "no longer do people come to colleges and universities only to learn the truth and appreciate the beauty, although these are partly a function of these institutions of higher education."

The survey itself polled some eight hundred ninety undergraduate students at the Winooski liberal arts college. Questions ranged from an overall opinion of the present Core Curriculum to specific changes in required courses. A majority of students polled, according to Ghaffari, favor a lessening in academic requirements in humanities, philosophy, and languages. Ghaffari also remarked that a great majority of students believe the present core curriculum is inadequate for student needs and must be improved.

Ghaffari appealed to college officials to respect the desires of the students as evidenced by his poll. "You as a concerned faculty and administrator," remarked the professor, should not lose sight of the needs and the views of our most cherished physical and spiritual commodity on this Campus, namely, the students and their opinions."

Administration Challenged

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9. The definition of libel in student publications should be changed to a legal interpretation from the "proper authorities of the State of Vermont."

10. The Publicity Board should be expanded to include more student members and also the editor and directors of ALL campus media. The college press agent has given his support to this plan. Also, the procedure for selecting media heads is to be defined by the Publicity Board.

11. Students should not be required to live in college residence halls.

12. Off campus students do not have to abide by the Code of Conduct, nor must they undergo periodic inspections by the Dean of Men. These students should be subject to civil law.

13. All "room checks" are omitted.

14. Elimination of the position of rector. This position only serves to complicate the bureaucracy of the college, and the money could be better spent on an assistant dean of men.

15. A committee will be established consisting of the Dean of Men and two students to select proctors. The student of this college must live with the proctors and his knowledge of whom to select for the position could certainly assist the Dean.

16. Each house will decide on the organization of the House Court. If houses are to have jurisdiction in disciplinary cases, they should also establish their own court organizations.

17. Although the President of the College can suspend the Code of Conduct, in cases involving suspension or expulsion the student will receive the option of a hearing before the Supreme Court.

A sincere effort and many hours of work were spent on the proposed changes made by the Student Senate.

Could an "open" administration be expected to at least DISCUSS these proposals? You be the judge!

Review

Daniel: A Surprising Success

Last Sunday at 8:00 p.m., a doubtful audience was given a good performance of a rare play. **The Play of Daniel** is almost eight hundred years old, and is seldom produced because of the singing, staging and acting difficulties involved. The play is such a strange experience for a modern audience that the effect of a religious feeling is surprising to many in the audience. Nonetheless a credible performance was seen in the High Latin Style.

Sometimes thought of as an early opera, the play was made clear through narrators' parts and the stylized acting of the cast. Jack Carr gave a good interpretation of Belshazzar as the erring king. Denise Cloutier more than supported him in her role as the wise queen. King Darrius was seen as a firm but benevolent king as played by Jim Dinoto. Vinnie Dassatti's Daniel was very moving in his role of humility, piety, and courage. Of course, the supporting cast and choir was necessary and very, very effective as court to the kings. Some solos done by the minor characters show that there must have been some difficulty casting.

Through the effect of the singing, acting, and processions, one becomes aware of the prayer-like quality and unity of the show. But the spirit of the show was greatly enhanced by the original, colorful, yet authrntic costumes and decor. A great deal of work is evident.

Add everything together and the total is a polished and moving presentation.

The only complaint is that the show ran for just one night.

You Are Needed!

There's going to be a Christmas Party today for the underprivileged children of the area. We want to work out a big brother program where each person works with one child for the afternoon, 1 to 4 p.m. These kids are really pretty bad off, and could use a little joy around this time.

If you are interested, and would like to share a little of your time and good fortune to cheer up a youngster this Christmas, call me, Larry Strickland, Ext. 442 or put a note in my mailbox, 1202, Room 221.

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Fitzgerald Wishes Communication

by Mike McGuiness

Paul Fitzgerald, president of the Student Association said Wednesday night after the Student Senate had adjourned themselves until January 26, 1971, that, "the drastic action" taken on December 1, "was necessary." He added, "that I did serve its sole purpose of opening the doors to discussion with the administration concerning the new code of conduct.

Fitzgerald reaffirmed his confidence and gratitude to the student body for their patience and faith in their student representatives.

Back in early October, when he took hold of the reins in assuming the position as president of the Student Association, Fitzgerald said that "the benefit and approval of the student body is, and will be, held first in the minds of himself and his associates."

Fitzgerald, who entered the scene as president barely before the "experiment in self-determination" made its debut, or as some have been quoted to say "tried to fly," he had won his first major vote of confidence.

The SA president feels he has fulfilled his promise to the student body that the Senate would spearhead an immediate revision of the old code.

In implementing the "new code" second semester, Fitzgerald stressed what he termed "a very serious issue." Foremost in his mind concerning the new revisions is the students' ability to undertake responsibilities and House Council control over all violations of the proposed new code. This action "will strengthen the already existing cooperation of all students concerning their academic and social atmosphere," says the Student Association president.

Fitzgerald feels that now that the students have taken the initiative as well as a new positive attitude, the administration should see clearly the Senate's intention to channel their creative energies in instructing a more integrated, positive and academically conscious Michaelman.

With the vital ingredients of amity, willingness and cooperation, the Senate's purpose "to direct, coordinate and control student life" as defined in the SA's constitution, will be effected, according to Fitzgerald.

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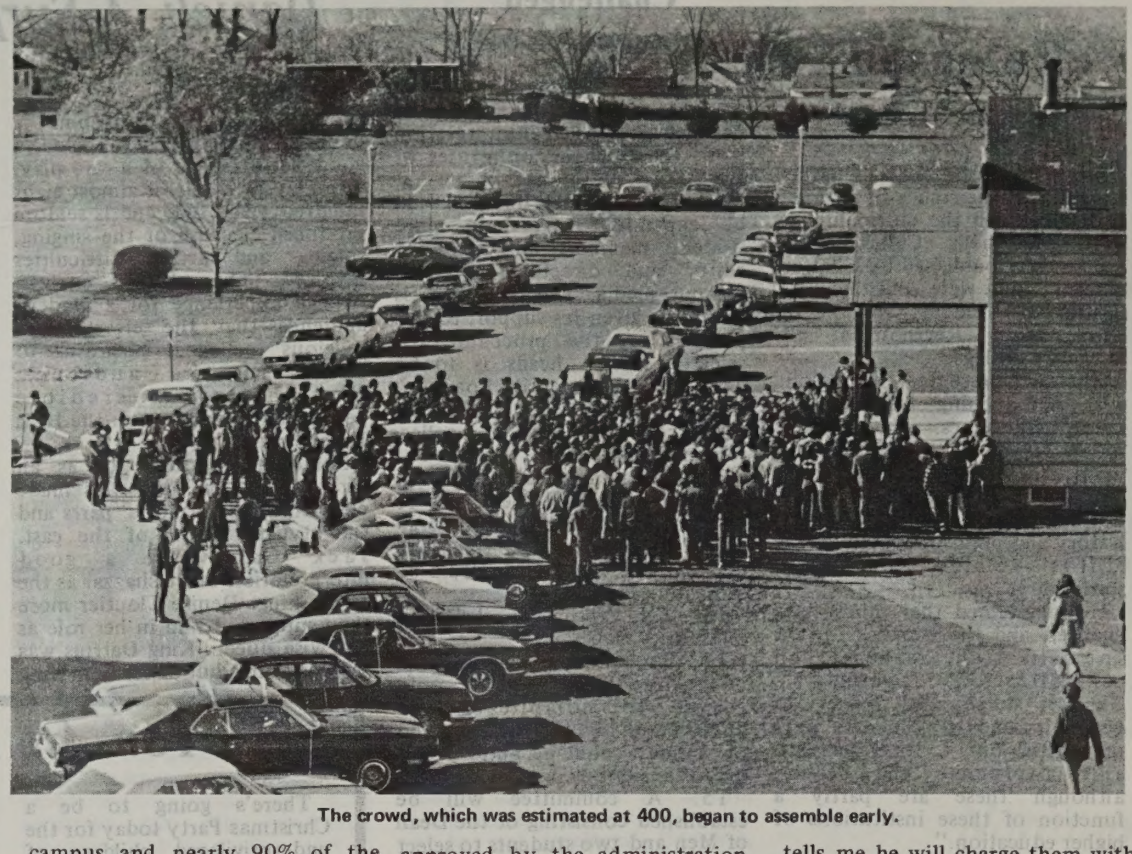
Fitzgerald Addresses Students At Mass Rally

SA President Paul Fitzgerald made the following remarks at a December 2 rally in front of the Playhouse, at which he described what action the Senate and Houses had taken concerning the Code of Conduct.

"About two weeks ago the senate was finally able to hammer out this document concerning all the code revisions that were felt fitting and proper for this student body. We then presented it to President Boutin two days after we had finished it. The next day he sent a letter to all the members of the code of conduct committee, which is three faculty members, three administrators, myself, John Daignault and Bill Driscoll, saying that he would not call a meeting of this committee because he did not agree with these changes under discussion. This memorandum was then brought back to this Student Senate; it then decided that since Boutin would not meet we would adopt the new code.

Later President Boutin said he would call the meeting of the code of conduct committee only if I could get five members of the committee to agree that they would discuss the revisions.

We took the action that we did because we felt the changes were worthy of discussion even though only a minority wanted to discuss them. When the administration proposed changes over the past summer the student members of the code committee had no qualms about coming up here and discussing them, although they did not agree with the proposed changes of the code of conduct on the whole. The next thing that happened you know: we decided to implement the code pending house referendum. The houses on campus and nearly 90% of the student body decided to implement the code.



The crowd, which was estimated at 400, began to assemble early.

Yesterday noon there was a meeting with myself, a few members of the Student Senate that are concerned with this effort, President Boutin, Father Anderson, Dean Sutton, Attorney Kenney and Dr. Pfeifer to discuss the problem. At this time they said they would call a code meeting but only if we would call off the new code and live under the existing document as approved by the administration. Last night I took this back to a special meeting of the Senate and the Senate decided it would go to a code meeting, but it would not retract its statement of Dec. 1st until the code meeting and would recommend to the student body that it live under the new code as proposed by the Senate, not the administration's document.

The reaction from the administration has been this: Mr. Sutton is having a meeting of the proctors this afternoon which he tells me he will charge them with following the old code to the letter. The proctors met with a few members of the Senate yesterday afternoon and they informed us that we would be foolish if we backed off. They would back the new code. The results of their meeting and the reactions of the proctors are still unknown, but the important thing is this; both Mr. Boutin and Don Sutton are coming out with statements saying that they are going to enforce the old code, not the new one. It's now up to the student body and individual action on what's going to happen. I'm sure you're all aware of the penalties involved with the various provisions of this code and what could possibly happen. We need the support of the houses and the student body. Anything that occurs in the future, we will keep you informed."

Upon ending his speech, Paul asked if there were any questions either he or John Daignault might answer.

The two questions asked were, "How many members, according to the outlines set up, does it take to call a code meeting?" and "Would the student body back an individual that was found guilty of not following the old code in favor of the revised code?"

Replying to the first question, Paul stated that as he saw it the president picked that number of students on an arbitrary basis. John Daignault further added that although he was not sure (as this number has varied in the time he has been at St. Mike's) he believed it was 5.

In reference to the second question directed toward Paul, he answered that the students should and would back such an individual if the need be.

Fitzgerald went on to announce: "Also it may interest you to know that we are engaging an attorney to help us in implementing this new code for reasons of legal grounds under our constitution which is approved of by the administration. We have the right to control, direct and co-ordinate student life, it is on this basis that we are hiring an attorney."

John Daignault added, "We don't want to control the college; we want to control our own lives."

Hockey Destruction Threatens Future Patrick Use

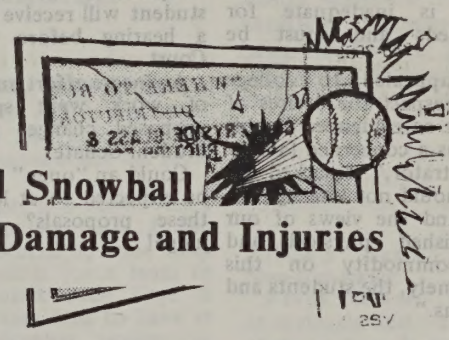
The destruction of over $500.00 in property at the UVM rink by St. Michael's students has completely destroyed SA treasurer Bill Driscoll's hopes in receiving the UVM gym for a Joe Cocker performance during the Winter Weekend.

The destruction has also probably terminated this year's hockey season, as the team must pay for the damage out of a budget of $600.

Even when the damages are paid, however, it is still uncertain if the team can use the rink for home games. If this rink is unavailable for use, then there will be no more home games this season.

The Cocker performance and the hockey games are, or were, for the benefit of St. Michael's students.

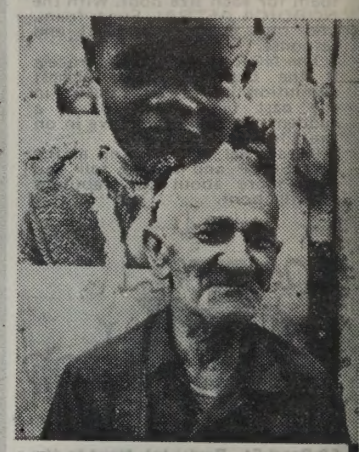
It is apparently a minority of St. Michael's students who destroyed the property.



Annual Snowball Damage and Injuries

Last Wednesday night Ryan and Alumni Halls held their annual snowball fight. The results included at least nineteen broken windows, 9 in Ryan and 10 in Alumni, and several injuries ranging from skin lacerations to a mild concussion.

Approximately three hundred students were involved in the affair.



On the National Scene:

Life Magazine Reports Hickel 'Walk Out'

The December 4 issue of Life Magazine has reported that former Interior Secretary Walter Hickel walked out on Vice President Spiro Agnew on the night of the November 3 elections.

In an article by-lined Hugh Sidey, Life says that on election night Hickel was at Agnew's Sheraton Park Hotel apartment. When returns began to show certain victories for Agnew candidates, Life notes that Agnew paced back and forth in front of the television exclaiming, "We killed that son of a bitch . . . We killed that son of a bitch."

According to Sidey, several other cabinet officers at the apartment wanted to walk out, but Hickel was the only one to leave.

Prof. Publishes

Rover Publications announces publication of "Calculus through Pornography" by Mr. Ralph Preston, 32, of SMC Math Department.

A novel approach to an old topic, this is very popular with students. Many administrators have opposed its use. The DAR (Dowagers Against Realism) has protested its use in tax-supported schools, while a women's lib spokesman stormed out of co-ed class using it.

Delta Wins Again in Blood Drive

The student center was active last Monday and Tuesday while students and staff members of St. Michael's donated 248 pints of blood. Fifteen of the people who went to donate blood were turned down for medical problems.

Past records reveal that the total number of donations since 1951 is now at 8,005 pints of blood. St. Michael's has proved to be most responsive to this very worthy cause.

The chairmen of the project were Thomas Davey and Arthur Brown. There were approximately twenty volunteer students on the scene.

Delta House proved to be most active in the drive, and as a reward for their 70 pints donated they will receive one keg of beer.

Founders vs. Sutton on Room Dispute

Founders Hall students and Dean of Men Donald R. Sutton are currently involved in a disagreement over the use of rooms during the Christmas vacation.

Sutton sent the following memorandum to all students on the second and third floors of Founders Hall.

During the Christmas vacation your rooms will be used for the Basketball Team, students who are working at Saint Michael's and people attending a liturgical meeting.

We urge you to secure all valuables and have your room ready to receive guests. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

The students answered Sutton with a sarcastic memorandum, showing displeasure with planned use of their rooms during Christmas.

Thank you for your memorandum of December 8, 1970 urging us to secure all valuables and to have OUR rooms ready to receive YOUR guests during the Christmas vacation.

We really do not want YOUR guests nor do we want them using or misusing OUR property during this period.

We urge you to secure other lodgings for your guests. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

If you care enough, maybe you can meet the Paulist challenge...

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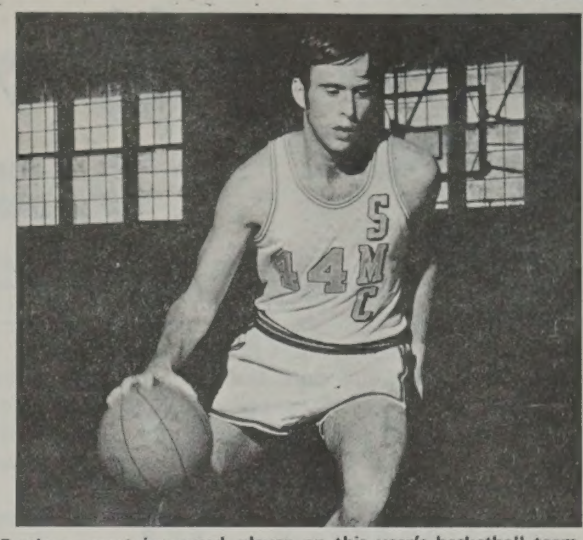
3 Week Review of Basketball

by Michael Fraulino



Billy Pattison, most improved player on this year's basketball team, is ready, willing and able to assist his teammates and coaches in any way possible for the benefit of the team.

In pre-season action, the Purple Knights have engaged in two very productive scrimmages, one with the University of New Hampshire, and the other with Plattsburg State. These two encounters were extremely important in terms of evaluating the Knights' personnel, and answering questions concerning the type of game they will best be able to play. The coach definitely feels that "We have the speed and we can run." Markey is still not completely satisfied with the defensive play of the Knights thus far, but "Balzano and Obbagy have been looking good on defense lately."

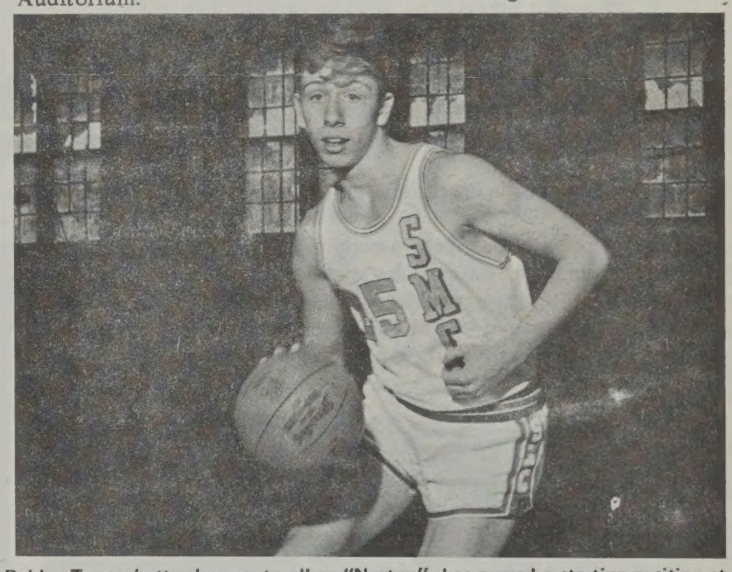
During the last few practice sessions before the opening game, coaches Markey and Baumann reviewed and re-emphasized the errors and weaknesses exhibited by the team in the pre-season scrimmages. Basically, the practice sessions have aimed at improving the team's sometimes erratic passing game and its not-yet-maximized defensive ability. Lasting about two hours, the team's daily practice is divided into four time periods. During the first period, the team practices lay-ups, jump-shots, fast-breaks, and a defensive sliding drill, also known as the "guerilla-drill," where an offensive player attempts to dribble the ball against a sliding, shifting defensive unit. After this, the team breaks up into specific areas of practice, varying from offense to defense, from day to day. During a defensive practice session, the coach sets up two-on-two, or three-on-three situations, and he and coach Baumann note the needed practice or progress of the team. The third period of each session is devoted exclusively to rebounding and its relation to the team's offensive alignment. This season, the coaching staff plans to utilize the "tandem-post offense," which makes use of one guard and four front-court men, and the "power-offense," employing two guards and three sizeable, strong inside men. The latter type, according to the coach, will allow the Knights to exhibit more flexibility in their offensive patterns this season. Both of these offenses are predicated mainly on good rebounding size and the Knights have it in Tetrault at 6'7" and Gestwicki and Laffin at 6'4". During the fourth and final period, the team usually engages in a 15-minute inter-squad scrimmage, and finishes with a few quarter-court wind sprints.

Coach Baumann has been a tremendous asset both to Markey and to the ballclub. In addition to coaching the jayvees, Baumann helps to evaluate the team's personnel, and his perceptive analyses, and critical comments are essential to Markey's offensive and defensive strategy. This is where the Knights are now. The coaching staff is looking forward optimistically to what the future of this young team will bring.

Tragedy -- Holy Cross vs. SMC

On December 3, the Purple Knights of St. Michael's were beaten severely by a tall and talented Holy Cross basketball team by a score of 138-68, in Worcester's Memorial Auditorium before approximately 2,500 fans. As expected with a young team, the Knights were victimized by their own inexperience, and lack of cohesiveness and poise on the court. From the floor, the Knights connected on only 32% of their shots, while they sunk 53% of their free throws. In spite of the convincing margin of defeat, Holy Cross shot only 55% from the floor, and only 46% from the foul line. For St. Michael's, Tetrault and Laffin scored 14 points apiece and grabbed 9 and 11 rebounds respectively, while Bill Pattison was the only other Knight in double figures, with a total of 11 points. The Knights turned over the ball 28 times, and this factor enabled the Crusaders to build an insurmountable lead.

For Holy Cross, Kissane, at 6'9", had 24 points and 11 rebounds, Adams had 21 points, Grayson had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Stacom, a guard playing in a forward spot, had 14 points and 8 rebounds. From the opening tap, Holy Cross established a strong and blitzing "run-and-run" game, and the Knights succumbed to their speed and height. In the first half, Markey had his team in a man-to-man defense, but this proved minimally effective against an unstoppable Holy Cross combine. With the start of the second half, the coach decided to set up a half-court zone press, and even this could not help the shell-shocked Knights. Offensively, in the second half, the Knights connected for 45 points, but this still was not nearly enough to make up for a disastrous first half and to diminish a more-than-substantial Crusader lead. St. Michael's meets Stonehill in its first home game of the season on December 7 at Burlington's Memorial Auditorium.



Bobby Toner, better known to all as "Norton", has earned a starting position at guard. "Norton" also has a fan club made up mostly of sophomores.

B League

Freaks - SFMB Clash

A welcome and exciting addition to the B-League basketball program is the arrival of the independent teams. Two of the most dynamic clubs are the Freaks and the S.F.M.B. (Students to Free Mel Bay). Already a fierce rivalry has developed between these pennant contenders. General Manager -- Coach of the Freaks, "Chuck" Mansolillo, and player -- coach, Gene Rembisz of the S.F.M.B. have had many heated words and physical violence has just been barely averted on many occasions. The battles on the hard court between these teams should be quite a spectacle. (A few of the Freaks have been heard mentioning something about bloodshed.)

The S.F.M.B. is led by its player-coach, Rembisz. This outstanding player's main asset is his ability to take many a "shot" without faltering. Although he is a little-known figure at the hilltop, Rembisz hopes to gain campus acclaim by leading his boys to the championship. The S.F.M.B. should control the boards with their devastating height. Up front they have Dan "Gerber" Daley, Ward "Last Call" Nolan, and the infamous "Murph." The big question in many minds is whether these three can stand the pressure. Perhaps with a few pre-game "shots," they'll be able to do the job. The field general will be the quick, scrappy, little guard, Pete O'Neil. Although a bit hot-headed at times, he has been known to control many a game with his fantastic dribbling and accurate passing.

The Freaks, well-known for their highly successful softball teams, will be led by all-star forward Rich Teft. He has already been the main prize in a bidding war between these two clubs. However, Teft recently signed with the Freaks for a salary that is reportedly in six figures. Pouring in the bombs from the outside will be Fran Conlin, Kevin Sweeney and "Mack" Mackin. Underneath the boards are the hatchetmen, "Smiling Jack" Pisani and "Tyne" Tynan (watch out, Gerber). Rounding out the potent offense are Tim Buckman, Brad Levigne, Rich Sylvia, and, of course, Tooter. Unbeknownst to many sports fans, the Freaks recently acquired valuable "Spof" Spoffard, who had played out his option with the Winooski Globe Trippers. Assistant coach Bernie Boylan will make sure the team stays high for the games.

It is a fact that a great deal of animosity is prevalent between these ball clubs. The old sports adage "on the court-enemies, off the court-friends" does not hold true in this case. Many a day, Coach Rembisz has greeted this writer with the middle finger of his right hand raised upwards in a gesture of defiance. Truly a sign of poor sportsmanship on his part. However, one afternoon Rembisz and Mansolillo finally agreed on one point. After an especially vicious encounter, both were heard muttering as they walked away, "It could be a heavy season."

Short At Buzzer

Last Monday night, in their first home game of the season, the Purple Knights found themselves on the short end of a 75-73 score, losing in a real heartbreaker to a quick and aggressive Stonehill basketball team, before approximately 1,500 highly spirited fans. The Knights, who appeared to be a bit over-anxious and erratic in their ball handling, were again victimized by too many turnovers. By the end of the first half, however, with Stonehill out in front 39-35, they managed to close the gap to four points, and the Knights man-to-man defense prevented the Stonehill offense from dominating the game. In the second half the Knights, in their "tandem-post," put together the makings of a workable offense, and the shooting of Tetrault, Pattison, Toner and Laffin kept the Knights in contention. When Tetrault fouled out of the game, with 12:10 showing on the scoreboard, the Knights went into a 1-3-1 zone defense to protect Laffin, who had 4 personal fouls on him at this point, and Charley Titus went in and did a fine job in relief. Stonehill's Mike Allocco proved very effective against the Knight zone, as he hit consistently from all over the court, and the Knights were unable to handcuff his hot outside shooting. When, with approximately 4 minutes to play, the Knights' other big man, Fran Laffin, fouled out, they held themselves together, and they did not fade. Instead, an injured Jim Gestwicki responded, sinking two free-throws, knotting the score at 73 all, with 1:22 remaining. With 49 seconds left, Markey put in his "four-corner" ball-control type offense consisting of Toner, Butler, Pattison, Stratford and Brooks, and with 14 seconds remaining, they made their bid to set up a last shot and win it. The quickness and fine pressure put on by the Stonehill club, however, forced Stratford to lose the ball, and Jim Mooney picked it up, with 6 seconds left, raced down the court, missed the lay-up, and Henry Jackson was luckily there to bank it in at the buzzer to win it. This was a heart-breaking loss for the Knights and in the final estimate, it became evident that the Knights never fully adjusted to the loss of Bob Tetrault early in the second half.

From the floor, St. Michael's hit on 24 of 65 shots for 36.8 per cent, while Stonehill netted 31 of 84 for the same percentage. At the charity stripe, the Knights sank 25 out of 36, for 69.4 per cent while Stonehill made 14 of 27 free throws for 53.5 per cent. For the Knights, Tetrault hit for 23 big points and hauled in 13 rebounds, Laffin netted 13 points and grabbed 3 rebounds, Pattison scored 11, Toner had 10 points, converting 8 for 8 at the foul line, and Gestwicki, shooting 7 for 8 at the line, scored 9. For Stonehill, Allocco poured in 31 points and got 19 rebounds, Jackson had 14 points and 5 rebounds and Horan had 8 points.

A very smart leprechaun is on St. Michael's Campus!
He predicted the Eagles over the Giants.
He predicted the SMC-N.A. State Soccer Score almost perfectly.
He appreciates the efforts put in by athletes to their respective teams.
He dislikes all "Doc Jacobs" Phonies.

AND

He wishes you all a Merry Christmas, a Helluva New Year's Eve,
And he will see you all back on campus in 1971.

St. Michael's
vs.
Middlebury
Saturday Evening at 8:00
Burlington
Memorial
Auditorium
December 19th

THE BLARNEY LINE

by Mike O'Brien

"Irish Christmas List"

'Tis the season to be jolly, and since this is the last issue before vacation, the Leprechaun and I have compiled a list of presents we sincerely hope that the people listed below receive. We've checked the list a couple of times, just so the Elves and Leprechauns do not engage in an all-out war because of disagreement!! Anyway, here's our list:

Ed Markey – a purple toupee, a gold pair of pants, a winning season, and a memory lapse of the Holy Cross game.

Walt Baumann – the return of Joe Namath, a sportswriter to buy him a drink, and to find a seven-foot basketball player to come here next year.

John Fanta – a new pair of purple-tinted glasses, to be able to get along with refs, and the nickname, "John Woodin."

Bob Kenney – an injury-free football season, to beat Sabella at ping-pong, and to be allowed to stay at SMC permanently.

Joe Pattison – a consistent pitcher, and another winning season.

Howie Munn – to capture the New England College Invitationals in New Hampshire.

Bill Howe – to play one sport and not be seriously injured (he plays 3 sports).

Ray Doherty – to realize his arm is only good for blessing and not for pitching.

Homer Keyes – return to Athletics and a break from Politics – the Intramurals need him!

John Daignault – a pair of sneakers and a map to find the gym in order that he might get a little PHYSICAL exercise for a change.

Frank Salvucci – top scorer on the Club Hockey team, and the number one rating for the team in New England.

Billy Brooks – two victories over UVM, one by 20 points, the other by 40.

Ken Duffy – to hit the library with 3 men on in the last on the ninth.

Bob Tetreault – to win the Christmas Tourney the basketball team is in this month.

Tony Jarenczuk – another win over Vermont and then a shot at Middlebury.

Ralph Capasso – a Delta House basketball title.

Jay Reed – some new refs to razz!

Chase Riley – a chance at split-end and a more efficient dumb-waiter for Alumni Hall.

Marty Shade – some better marks and an opportunity to fill a varsity uniform.

Mike McElroy – a case of beer before every game.

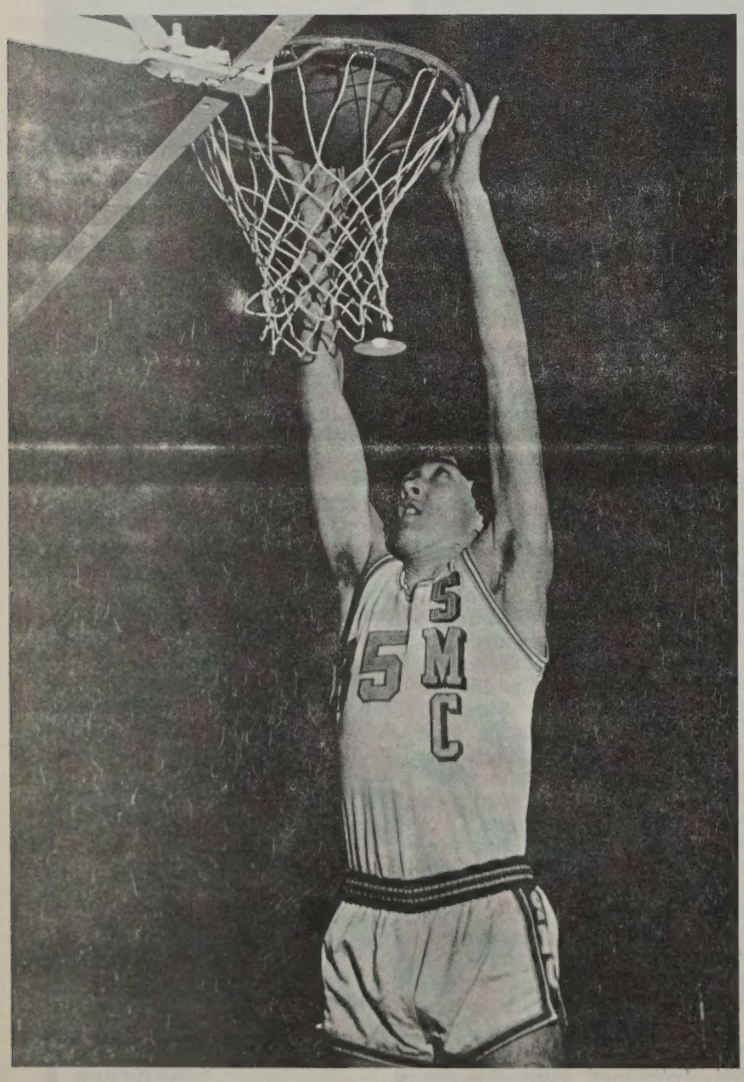
Mark Flannagan – a little desire to play varsity B-Ball.

Billy Pattison – a chance to spread his winning attitude.

Bill Piscione – the rebirth of hair on top of his head.

Charlie Titus – a repair man for the whirlpool.

Rita and Joann – a little common sense.



Bob Tetreault, returning after two years absence, scored 52 points and hauled in 38 rebounds in two games this week. He was high scorer in Wednesday night's 98-68 win over Norwich University.

Ski Team Ready To Compete

by Howard Munn
Ski Team Advisor

The ski team now has its most important member – snow! The training will now transfer from the Athletic Field to Madonna Mountain and the Williston jumps. The team was reaching a point of peak physical condition from the extended dry land practice and this coach was fearing over-conditioning. The snow will curtail muscle development to the ones pertinent to skiing. The cross-country team has already created an oval track on the field. A five-mile track will be later laid out in the fields between the talc mine and the ski hill. Presently training in the cross-country division are Peter Laskarzewski, Mike Buda, Peter Bullock, John Yurgalewicz, Tom Fleming, Reynolds Finch and Mike Coringe. In the jumping division of the Nordic team we will have the services of Mike Coringe, Peter Bullock, Tom Fleming, Dave Billings and Tom Cronen. We have little experience in this division but the men are anxious to fly and they have the guts to continue.

The Alpine team is all encompassing. Those men named on the Nordic team are also working towards position on the Alpine team. Heading the Alpine team are our two "B" racers, Steve Laverty and Bill Noonan. Following these two are our "C" racers, "D" racers and also our men who have not been classified with the USEASA. It is important to note that some of the men on the Alpine team who are not classified with the USEASA have shown abilities to ski that will allow them by next year to have a classification with Eastern of "C" or "D" rating.

It is still too early to give an exact team roster, with the snow just arriving, but before the semester break, this coach will have the difficult job of letting some men go. If the cut were to be made on the basis of spirit and dedication it would be nearly impossible. Based on the ability to race, however, it will be slightly easier.

The break will see the team involved in many Eastern races, with our own school races the last weekend of January and the four weekends in February. By then we will have the experience of later December and all of January's races, and we will certainly be ready for our competition.

A picture with no article – the Michaelman Sports Editor is looking for someone reliable to cover the hockey team.

Animal Farm Revisted

"There were fights, attempts to get into the Penalty box and, perhaps even more dangerous, some fans were trying to hit players on the head with bottles, and on a few occasions some connected." –Don Fillion

In this era of student responsibility we are rudely reminded that certain adolescents still exist within the legend of the "St. Michael's Zoo."

The damages which were incurred at Gutterson Field House last week not only serve to destroy whatever reputation this college enjoys, but also to threaten the very existence of the most popular club sport here, Hockey.

Because of the incident, the Student Association has already been denied use of Patrick Gymnasium for Winter Weekend.

The students who were involved in the incident have also weakened the Student Association as they struggle to liberalize the Code of Conduct.

Think about it. All of these former advantages have been lost because a few individuals find their masculinity in a bottle of beer.

JV Team

The first year edition of the St. Michael's College N.V. will try to up its pre-Christmas vacation record to 2-1 with a victory over the Norwich frosh.

The season opened on a winning note Dec. 2nd with a close victory over Clinton Com. College, 75-72. Gary Fagan, John Russell and Paul Tamin contributed heavily to the point production as Jay Mara and Bob Nugent made their contribution from the guard position.

Unfortunately things didn't work out too well against the UVM frosh, as the Squires suffered their first loss 88-75. A few bright spots in that ball game were the off-bench performances of Gene Cappello, John Whalen and Joe Pesitelli.

The squires resume play after the semester at Vermont on Jan. 26th.

A League

Delta Alpha Trounce

Alpha House opened the 1970-71 A-League season with a victory over defenseless Nu House, 61-22. Alpha was led by Paul Misselwitz and Ted Stork, who each scored 12, P.J. Labbee led the losers with 7. Sigma followed Alpha victory with a narrow overtime victory over high-flying Beta, 62-58. Sigma was led by "Tex" Sullivan's 16 points and Twine's 13; Galonka had 16 for the losers. Roommates Duffy and Mosian excelled on D for Sigma and Slingshot Lalli handled the playmaking?

Delta overcame Duck's impressive pre-game warmups (6 backward dunks) to trample Zeta 80-64. Spoolie Fagan led the Delta team with 18, followed by Moose Spunetti with 11. Duck tossed in 14 for the losers. Rabbit got off his usual 25 launches to score 8. Epsilon beat Gamma 64-54 as Red Hickey "chucked" in 14. Leo Rasfatamin led the losers with 19.

Play-off bound Iota beat Psi 56-40. Tarrant and Zagajeski scored 12 each. Vern Sewell had 14 for Psi; Sid Nelson chipped in with 11 and held high-scoring Bruce LaPointe to a mere 3 points. Lambda, which appears to be the best of the freshman houses, beat Omega 52-47. Some guy named P.T. led Lambda with 17 and Gerbs had 12. Mark Flannagan led Omega with 23.

To the Editor:

All teams desire the support of their fans. It is an intangible and psychological aid. We have been exceptionally fortunate at SMC to have a reputation for loyalty in this regard. With this in mind, I would respectfully request you, our fellow students, to provide an atmosphere of true sportsmanship at all our games.

Recent actions at our hockey games have led to a situation that may jeopardize further use of the UVM rink. In order to put this conduct in proper perspective we implore your co-operation in improving crowd decorum at all basketball games.

Please give us the co-operation which will provide an atmosphere of good sportsmanship. The team and the coaching staff will sincerely appreciate your assistance.

William Brooks
Captain,
Basketball Team

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